

C H A R T E R  
Advisory Council on Dependents' Education

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (hereafter referred to as the Council).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Council, under the authority of 20 U.S.C. § 929, shall provide advice and recommendations to the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) on (a) general policies for operation of the Defense Dependents' Education System, with respect to curriculum selection, administration, and operation of the system; (b) information from other Federal agencies concerned with primary and secondary education with respect to education programs and practices which such agencies have found to be effective and which should be considered for inclusion in the Defense Dependents' Education System; and (c) the design of the study and the selection of contractor referred to in 20 U.S.C. § 930(a). The Council shall perform any other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense or Designee.
- C. Council Membership: The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education or their designated representatives shall serve as co-chairs of the Council, and shall appoint individually one additional representative from each department, and jointly twelve additional Members for a total of sixteen Members. The twelve Members appointed jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education shall be individuals who have demonstrated an interest in the field of primary or secondary education, and who shall include representatives of professional employee organizations, school administrators, parents of students enrolled in the Defense Dependents' Education System, and one student enrolled in the system. Council Members, who are not Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and shall be authorized to receive compensation, to include travel and per diem, while on official Council business.

As prescribed by 20 U.S.C. § 929(b) the term of office for each Council Member appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education shall be three years, except that (a) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which he or she is being appointed to shall be for the remainder of the term; and (b) no member shall serve more than two full terms on the Council. The Director, Department of Defense Dependents' Education Activity shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Council.

- D. Council Meetings: The Council shall meet at the call of the Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Designated Federal Officer. The attendance of a majority (at least eight) of the Council Members shall constitute a quorum. The estimated annual number of Council Meetings is two.
- E. Duration of the Board: The requirement for the Council is continual.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) and the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Council's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 6.

- G. Termination Date: The Council shall terminate upon repeal of the legislation authorizing the Council.
- H. Operating Costs: The estimated annual operating cost for the Council is approximately \$200,000, and .5 full-time equivalents (FTE).
- I. Charter Filed: February 21, 2006